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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Executive Secretary

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Arrangements have been made for the sixth session of the Ad Hoc Group on Article 13 (AG13) to be held at the Hotel Maritim, Bonn, from 3 to 12 June 1998. The session will be opened by the Chairman at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 3 June 1998.

II. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

2. The provisional agenda for the sixth session of the AG13, proposed after consultation with the Chairman, is as follows:

1. Opening of the session.

2. Organizational matters:

   (a) Adoption of the agenda;
   (b) Organization of the work of the session.

3. Functions and procedures of the multilateral consultative process.

4. Report on the session.

1. Opening of the session

3. The sixth session of the AG13 will be opened by the Chairman at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 3 June 1998.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

4. The provisional agenda for the sixth session of the AG13 is presented for adoption (see paragraph 2 above). The provisional agenda reflects the emphasis towards focused consideration of issues identified in annex II to the report of the AG13 on its fifth session (FCCC/AG13/1997/4) with the aim of concluding the work of the AG13.

(b) Organization of the work of the session

(i) The work of this session

5. At its fifth session, the AG13 agreed that the Group should aim to complete its work by the time the Conference of the Parties (COP) meets at its fourth session. At its third session, the COP, having considered the report of the AG13 on its fifth session (FCCC/AG13/1997/4), decided that the work of the Group should continue and invited the Group to complete its work before the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties and provide a report on its findings or, if its work had not been completed by that time, to provide a progress report (FCCC/CP/1997/7/Add.1). The Group may wish to consider how to proceed so as to conclude its work by COP 4.

(ii) Documentation

6. The provisional agenda has been drawn up taking account of the expected timely availability of documentation in the six languages of the United Nations.

7. A list of documents relating to the provisional agenda, as well as other documents available at the session, is contained in the annex below.

8. In accordance with the conclusions of the AG13 at its fifth session, the main document for the session will be the compilation text on the functions and procedures of the multilateral consultative process found in annex II to the report of the fifth session (FCCC/AG13/1997/4).

(iii) Schedule

9. The schedule of work of the Group provides for a minimum of six and a maximum of eight meetings so as to enable the Group to provide the fourth session of the COP with a report on its conclusions. A proposed schedule will be made available in document FCCC/SB/1998/3.

10. The scheduling of meetings for the session will be based on the availability of facilities during normal working hours when services are available for two meetings of Convention bodies with interpretation, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will also be some facilities available for informal meetings, without interpretation. Delegations are urged to use these facilities fully by attending all meetings promptly at the scheduled time.

3. Functions and procedures of the multilateral consultative process

11. The AG13 agreed at its fifth session that a compilation text on the functions and procedures of the multilateral consultative process, contained in annex II of its report on the session, which reflects points raised, as well as areas of convergence and divergence, would form the principal basis for discussion by the Group at its sixth session. The AG13 also noted that it would consider whether any adjustment to the framework compilation would need to be made in light of any outcome, at COP 3, of the negotiations on the development of a protocol or another legal instrument (FCCC/AG13/1997/4). The Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is contained in document FCCC/CP/1997/7/Add.1.

4. Report on the session

12. Because of the time that is likely to be needed for considering all the items on the agenda, a complete draft text of the report may not be available at the end of the session. The AG13 may wish to adopt decisions or substantive conclusions under the relevant items of the agenda and authorize the Rapporteur to complete the report after the session under the guidance of the Chairman and with the assistance of the secretariat. While every effort will be made to have conclusions available in all languages, this will only be possible if sufficient time is available for translation.

Annex

DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE AD HOC GROUP ON ARTICLE 13 AT ITS SIXTH SESSION

Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/AG13/1998/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary

Other documents for the session

FCCC/CP/1997/7	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its third session, held at Kyoto from 1 to 11 December 1997, Part one: Proceedings
FCCC/CP/1997/7/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its third session, held at Kyoto from 1 to 11 December 1997, Part two: Action taken by the Conference of the Parties at its third session
FCCC/AG13/1997/4	Report of the Ad Hoc Group on Article 13 on the work of its fifth session, Bonn, 28 - 30 July 1997
FCCC/AG13/1997/MISC.1	Scope and elements of the procedure of any proposed mechanism: Submissions from Parties
FCCC/AG13/1997/MISC.2	Scope and elements of the procedure of any proposed mechanism: Submissions from Parties

Documents available at the session for reference only

FCCC/AG13/1997/2	Report of the Ad Hoc Group on Article 13 on the work of its fourth session, Bonn, 25 - 28 February 1997
FCCC/AG13/1996/1	Questionnaire on the establishment of a multilateral consultative process under Article 13: synthesis of responses
FCCC/AG13/1996/2	Report of the Ad Hoc Group on Article 13 on the work of its second session, held at Geneva on 10 July 1996

FCCC/AG13/1996/4	Report of the Ad Hoc Group on Article 13 on the work of its third session, held at Geneva from 16 to 18 December 1996
FCCC/AG13/1996/MISC.1 and Add.1	Responses to questionnaire relating to the establishment of a multilateral consultative process: submissions by Parties and non-parties
FCCC/AG13/1996/MISC.2 and Add.1	Responses to questionnaire relating to the establishment of a multilateral consultative process: submissions by intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies
FCCC/CP/1996/15 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its second session, held at Geneva from 8 to 19 July 1996
FCCC/AG13/1995/2	Report of the Ad Hoc Group on Article 13 on the work of its first session, held at Geneva from 30 to 31 October 1995
FCCC/CP/1995/7 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its first session, held at Berlin from 28 March to 7 April 1995
FCCC/CP/1995/MISC.2	Consideration of the establishment of a multilateral consultative process for the resolution of questions regarding implementation (Article 13): a review of selected non-compliance, dispute resolution and implementation review procedures
A/AC.237/59	Consideration of the establishment of a multilateral consultative process for the resolution of questions regarding implementation (Article 13)
A/AC.237/MISC.46	Consideration of the establishment of a multilateral consultative process for the resolution of questions regarding implementation (Article 13): submissions from delegations relating to Article 13

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